

I. Call to order:

Present: Fiehrer, Wile, Moeller, Lewis, Bucheit, Crooks

Absent: Hogg

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Wile, seconded by Crooks to accept the meeting minutes from the January 6, 2016 Ordinance Review Committee meeting. Motion carried.

III. New Business:

No New Business

IV. Old Business

A. Chapter 754, Peddlers and Street Vendors Revisions

Liz Hayden began speaking about updating the ordinance to reflect how food trucks and peddlers are now viewed as a benefit to communities if done safely and properly. She discussed two main changes to the ordinance. The first change would to allow vendors' access to High Street for select hours. They would not be allowed from the 7am to 6pm Monday through Friday. Vendors must also be 100 feet away from a brick and mortar restaurant unless the restaurant waived this right. It was discussed that it be written into the ordinance that food trucks maybe near restaurants while they are closed.

Hayden discussed not creating a food truck district as she felt that it would limit the options among where vendors could facilitate their business, at least not creating a food truck district at this time through an ordinance. Wile expressed more interest in creating a food truck zone as a way to respect the brick and mortar restaurants. A conversation ensued about what a food truck zone would mean. Moeller asked about food trucks and events in other parts of the City. Hayden expressed that the way it is written now a food truck sell their products on private land such as a parking lot.

Bucheit wanted clarity as the ordinance was read through. It was explained that the ordinance would mean that that only High Street has restrictions. A food truck could sell their goods anywhere else in the City so long as they are 100 feet away from an open restaurant. City approved festivals are governed by their own internal rules and those rules would apply to the food trucks.

The majority of the group felt that a food truck zone should not be created at this time and see how these guidelines affected food trucks and businesses as is. Wile felt that even non-restaurants may be resistant to have a vendor setup in front of their business.

Bucheit brought up the restriction of vendors' hours late in the night as the ordinance only restrict sale on certain hours on High Street how enforcement would work around the City. Bucheit felt it was easy enforce the ordinance with the High Street limitations. He did not support setting up extremely specific locations and hours for the rest of the time and City. He felt the market will dictate where and when they want to setup and the police would handle disturbance complaints as needed. The matter will be looked into further and will be brought back for the next ORC meeting.





The other issue that was discussed was food vendors setting up just outside the boundaries of an established festival. A general consensus emerged against vendors that would not pay a festival's fee and still sell their goods outside of the festival's parameters.

B. Adam Helms Report about the Quick Strike Team

The topic of discussion was about the Quick Strike Team having to deal with renters moving out of rental properties and abandoning garbage out on the street. Fiehrer pointed out that the City has been dealing with this issue for 10 years. Fiehrer wanted to know how the City should go about dealing with this issue. Wile thought getting the landlord's information is the first step and perhaps coupling this information with the trash or utility bill. Bucheit was concerned about the window of how long the City should wait before picking up the trash and bill the landlord. The range of 5 days was discussed and Lewis did not believe it could be shortened much more than 5 days.

Helms brought up the thought of having the Quick Strike Team charge people service requests off of the City website. A landlord could schedule the pickup and the Quick Strike Team charges them.

Wile brought up that there needed to be an appeal process for residents or landlords to appeal a charge by showing documentation that no one has moved out and someone is dumping garbage on the property. Lewis thought the heart of the issue was finding the landlord to give them the 48 hours notice that they or their resident has been dumping items all over the front curb.

Wile thought that a deadline was needed to have a draft or legislation in place by. This way the committee takes action and is able to move the issue closer to a resolution.

VI. Next Meeting:

Next scheduled Ordinance Review Committee meeting will be on March 2, 2016 at 8:00am in Council Chambers. Subject to change.

VII. Adjournment:

Ordinance Review Committee adjourned at 9:49 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcos Nichols
Acting City Clerk

